

Whereas, as the 2002-2003 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Dunklin R-V School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty with the retirement of Elizabeth J. "Betty" McLard who has devoted twenty-three years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

Whereas, Betty McLard is a third grade teacher at Pevely Primary School, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Betty McLard taught third, fourth, and fifth grades in the Fox C-6 School District for six years and remedial math in the Dunklin R-V School District for one year prior to assuming her current responsibilities as a third grade teacher; and

Whereas, Betty McLard has supported her profession as a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association; as Second Vice President, First Vice President, President, and Parliamentarian of the Jefferson County Missouri State Teachers Association; and as Vice President and President of the Community Teachers Association; and

Whereas, Betty McLard earned a Bachelor's degree in elementary education at Southeast Missouri State University and a Master's degree at the University of Missouri-St. Louis; and

Whereas, Betty McLard has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Cecil L. McLard, and two children, Amy McLard and Greg McLard:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Dunklin R-V School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Betty McLard has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Elizabeth J. "Betty" McLard, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Ryan McKenna
District No. 102

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2607, adopted May 7, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker